The Cochin Tanneries.

492. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

1. whether their attention has been called to the article headed by "The Cochin Tanneries" in the *Cochinite* of 10th Thulam 1106;

2. whether the Government would be pleased to re-consider the case of Tanneries in the light of the revelations made therein in the interests of the public who are share holders.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. Yes.

2. The matter is receiving the attention of Government. Orders will be passed shortly.

Proclamation—Untouchability.

493. Mr. K.Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) whether they are aware that a token cut was moved in the last Budget Session of the Council by the Member for the Southern Ezhuvas recommending to the Government to request His Highness the Maharaja to issue a Proclamation abolishing untouchability and unapproachability in the State;

(2) whether they had accepted the recommendation openly in the Council,

(3) whether they have placed the recommendation before His Highness;

(4) and whether they have received any commandments on the recommendation from His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) Government did not oppose the motion.

(3) & (4) Government are considering the question.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Do the Government remember the statement made by the Diwan-President in the presence of the Political Agent that the matter will be placed before His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is not the statement made by the Diwan-President an acceptance by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Diwan-President's words themselves state the exact position of the Government. The Diwan-President did not say that the Government accepted it.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—The Diwan-President said that the matter will be placed before His Highness. The cut motion only wanted that. Therefore it comes to the same thing. Has it been placed before His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Diwan-President's words themselves give the answer.

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